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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)	
Kazunari TAIRA et al.) Group Art Unit: 1635	1
Application No.: 09/763,590)) Examiner: K. Lacourciere	
Filed: February 26, 2001	<i>)</i>)	
For: EXPRESSION SYSTEMS FOR TRANSCRIPTION OF FUNCTIONAL NUCLEIC ACIDS)))	

Commissioner for Patents Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

In response to the Notice To Comply With Requirements For Patent Applications
Containing Nucleotide Sequence And/Or Amino Acid Sequence Disclosures, mailed
December 12, 2002, Applicants submit the following amendment and remarks.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the paragraph on page 5, lines 2-9, with the following paragraph:

--1. A ribozyme comprising a nucleotide sequence having the following base sequence (I) or (II):

base sequence (I) (SEQ ID No. 1): 5'-ACCGUUGGUUUCCGUAGUGU

AGUGGUUAUCACGUUCGCCUAACACGCGAAAGGUCCCCGGUUCGAAACCGGGCACUACAAAC

ACAACACUGAUGAGGACCGAAAGGUCCGAAACGGCACGUCGGAAACGGUUUUUU-3'

base sequence (II) (SEQ ID NO. 2): 5'-ACCGUUGGUUUCCGUAGUGUAGUG

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